

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 6, and 11 as follows:

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1. (Amended) An adhesive for a disposable absorbent article:  
said disposable absorbent article comprising a wearer facing surface and a garment facing surface opposed thereto;  
said adhesive covering at least a portion of said wearer facing surface;  
said adhesive having an initial peel strength ( $P_i$ );  
wherein said adhesive has a final peel strength ( $P_f$ ) after exposure to water;  
wherein the ratio of  $P_i$  to  $P_f$  is in the range of 2:1 to 2:4; and,  
wherein said adhesive has a water absorption capacity of at least 3% by weight of said adhesive; and,  
wherein said adhesive comprises at least about 3% water after one hour of equilibration at about 50% relative humidity.

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6. (Amended) The adhesive of Claim [1] 5, wherein:  
said viscous modulus ( $G''_{25}(100 \text{ rad/sec})$ ) is defined by the equation:  
$$G''_{25} \leq [(5.50 + C) \times 1700] \text{ Pa.}$$

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11. (Amended) The adhesive of Claim 10, wherein said adhesive comprises less than 5% hydrocolloid particles by weight of said adhesive.

Please add new Claim 21 as follows:

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21. (New) The adhesive of Claim 1, wherein said adhesive is formed by polymerizing a homogeneous aqueous reaction mixture comprising from about 5% to about 50% by weight of the reaction mixture of a hydrophilic monomer from about 10% to about 50% by weight of the reaction mixture of a plasticizer, and from about up to 50% by weight of the reaction mixture of a non-ionic monomer, and up to about 40% by weight of the reaction mixture of water.